

Helping to tackle school bullying



Stonewall's Education for All campaign, launched in January 2005, helps tackle homophobia and homophobic bullying in schools and works with a wide coalition of groups.

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Sir Ian provides X factor at Sir John Cass



LORD of the Rings and X-Men star Sir Ian McKellen talked about his role in promoting equality when he visited Sir John Cass Red Coat School.

Representing lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender charity Stonewall, the performer explained how acting was an environment which encouraged him to finally come out to his stepmother at the age of 49.

Sir Ian was given a tour of the school and spoke to students in years seven to 11. He talked about his sexuality and changes in attitudes during his lifetime.

A student in year nine said:

"Meeting someone who has been through the problems we face gives us insight and a greater understanding."

Sir Ian, who lives in the borough, said: "What a joy it has been to visit my local school, where the kids are bright and sensible and, as far as I can see, totally without prejudice. This reflects very well on the work the teachers have been doing with the help of Stonewall. Tower Hamlets is a better place because of this school."

He used a line from one of his films to tell students if they do not study hard for their exams, "You shall not pass!"

Sir Ian McKellen talks with students

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